PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Applicants submit herewith a petition for extension of time to extend the time period for reply to the Office Action dated June 8, 2001 to December 8, 2001. In response to the Office Action dated June 8, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 15, 1st full paragraph:

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Examples of the sweeteners include aspartame, stevia, thaumatin, saccharin sodium, dipotassium glycyrrhizinate and the like. Aspartame is particularly preferable among these sweeteners, because it has an effect to remove salty taste generated by the addition of a sodium salt as a pH adjusting agent. Aspartame is added in an amount of from 0.1 to 2% by weight, preferably from 0.05 to 1% by weight, more preferably from 0.1 to 0.5% by weight based on the total weight of the pharmaceutical preparation. Examples of the corrective agents include L-menthol, camphor, mentha, monosodium L-glutamate monohydrate, dibasic sodium inosinate,